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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN TWO-DAY SESSION, ISAFEGUARDS GROUP
RESUMED DISCUSSION BEGUN AT MAY MEETING, IPROVIDING USEFUL AND
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GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE INTERCHANGE COVERING REMAINING
AGENDA ITEMS. MEETING HIGHLIGHTED BY DETAILED CANADIAN STATE-
MENT ON NOTIFICATION, ICONSULTATION, SURVEILLANCE AND DISPUTE
SETTLEMENT, PLUS SOME SPECIFIC REACTIONS TO U.S PAPER ON
DOMESTIC PROCEDURES TABLED IN MAY. MOST DELS INDICATED
PRINCIPAL TOPICS AND ISSUES STILL UNDER
CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS. GROUP AGREED TO MEET IN THE

FALL, USING THE SAME AGENDA (WITHIN WHICH U.S. INTRODUCED TOPIC OF AUTOMATIC LICENSING), WITH MEETING DATE TO BE SET IN CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. MTN GROUP SAFEGUARDS MET JUNE 27-28 WITH SECRETARIAT (KAUTZOR-SCHROEDER) IN CHAIR, TO COMPLETE EXAMINATION OF "ISSUE CLUSTERS" IN INTERIM WORK PROGRAM BEGUN IN MAY MEETING (REF B). DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON (A) DOMESTIC PROCEDURES; (B) SHORT-TERM SEASONAL AND CYCLICAL PROBLEMS; AND (C) NOTIFICATION, CONSULTATION, SURVEILLANCE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT; UNDER "OTHER TOPICS", U.S. RAISED ISSUE OF SAFEGUARD AND "PRE-SAFEGUARD" ASPECTS OF AUTOMATIC LICENSING SYSTEMS, AS FOLLOW-UP TO MAY 24-25 MEETING OF QR TECHNICAL SUBGROUP ON LICENSING (SEE MTN GENEVA 4270). SOME DELS ALSO REVERTED TO AGENDA ITEMS PREVIOUSLY COVERED (REF B)) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS.

3. DOMESTIC PROCEDURES: U.S. (HARTZELL) RECALLED ITS PAPER ON DOMESTIC PROCEDURES CIRCULATED AT MAY MEETING (MTN/SG/W/28) AND REITERATED PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL ALONG LINES TPSC 77-50; NAMELY, EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE SAFEGUARD ACTION BY A SPECIFIED BODY, ADEQUATE NOTICE AND A HEARING AT WHICH INTERESTED PARTIES CAN MAKE VIEWS KNOWN, PUBLISHED REPORT SPELLING OUT THE BASIS FOR THE DECISION. BECAUSE OF OBVIOUS INSTITUTIONAL DIFFERENCES IN CONTRACTING PARTIES, U.S. DOES NOT ENVISAGE SIMILAR PROCEDURES IN EACH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRY SO LONG AS THE MAJOR ELEMENTS ARE PROVIDED FOR. PRINCIPAL BENEFITS OF SUCH PROCEDURES, IN U.S. VIEW, WOULD BE THAT: (A) ALL INTERESTED PARTIES COULD BE HEARD; (B) OTHER GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT AGREED GUIDELINES BEING FOLLOWED; (C) THERE IS A RESPECTABLE UNIFORMITY IN APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARD ACTIONS; (D) A FULL FACTUAL RECORD ON SAFEGUARD ACTIONS (WHETHER TAKEN OR NOT) WILL BE ESTABLISHED; AND (E) NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION COULD THEREFORE BE IMPROVED. SINCE DISCUSSION OF U.S. PAPER BY OTHER DELS CONSISTED ONLY OF PRELIMINARY REMARKS IN MAY SG MEETING, U.S. INVITED FURTHER COMMENTS ADDRESSED TO PARTICULARS OF DOMESTIC PROCEDURES PROPOSAL.

4. SEVERAL DELS ADDED TO PRELIMINARY COMMENTS MADE AT MAY MEETING. JAPAN (UKAWA) AGREED THAT BASIC OBJECTIVE OF GUIDELINES ON DOMESTIC PROCEDURES IS TO INSURE APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM AND WAS SUPPORTIVE IN PRINCIPLE. JAPAN REITERATED, HOWEVER, TWO WIDELY HELD OBJECTIONS TO U.S. PROPOSAL: (A) THE VARYING INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES OF OTHER COUNTRIES MEAN IDENTICAL BODIES CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED IN ALL COUNTRIES, AND (B) OPEN PROCEDURES ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE DOMESTIC PRESSURE FOR TAKING SAFE-

GUARD ACTIONS; JAPAN TOOK THE OCCASION TO UNDERLINE DANGER OF "HARASSING EFFECT" IF DOMESTIC PRODUCERS GIVEN ACCESS TO SEVERAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURES. NORDICS ECHOED JAPANESE CONCERNS, UNDERLINING DIFFICULTY IN ADOPTING DOMESTIC PROCEDURES UNIFORM TO ALL COUNTRIES. EC (ABBOTT) SAID OPEN PROCEDURES LEAD TO MORE SAFEGUARD ACTIONS, AND JUDICIAL REVIEW COMPOUNDED THE PROBLEM AS IT LED TO SITUATION WHERE GOVERNMENTS LOSE CONTROL OF THE SITUATION (A CLEAR ALLUSION TO ZENITH AND VAT CASES). EC'S POSITION IS THAT GOVERNMENTS NEED DISCRETION TO AVOID TAKING ACTION THAT IS NEITHER JUSTIFIED NOR OPPORTUNE.

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WHILE EC FOUND OBJECTIVES OF TRANSPARENCY AND STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY TO BE "INTERESTING CONCEPTS," AND WELCOMED FACT THAT U.S. NOT INSISTING ON EITHER IDENTICAL OR FULLY PUBLIC PROCEDURES IN ALL CODE SIGNATORIES, EC

BELIEVES AGREED-UPON CRITERIA FOR TAKING ACTION PROVIDE MORE IMPORTANT ASSURANCE THAT THESE OBJECTIVES WOULD BE ACHIEVED. EC NOTED THAT DETAILED PUBLISHED REPORTS GO BEYOND CURRENT GATT REQUIREMENTS, AND DISCOUNTED NEED FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO A SPECIFIED BODY. AUSTRALIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(FOGARTY), INDIA (SANDILYA) AND PAKISTAN SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE OF OPEN AND TRANSPARENT DOMESTIC PROCEDURES, BUT LATTER TWO DELS SUGGESTED MULTILATERAL SURVEILLANCE WAS MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND WERE JOINED BY BRAZIL (BARTHEL ROSA) AND MEXICO (GARRIDO) IN RECOUNTING PREVIOUSLY STATED LDC ARGUMENTS (I.E., UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT LDCS TO CREATE ELABORATE DOMESTIC-PROCEDURE MECHANISMS; LDC EXPORTERS MUST BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, VIS-A-VIS DOMESTIC INTERESTS IN DCS; AND CONSIDERATION OF DOMESTIC PROCEDURES MUST IN ANY CASE AWAIT ELABORATION OF SPECIAL/DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR LDCS IN SAFEGUARDS CODE. EC SUGGESTED SURVEILLANCE MIGHT BE GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR DOMESTIC PROCEDURES. DURING LATER DISCUSSION, EC RECOGNIZED THAT PARTIES AFFECTED SHOULD KNOW OF CASE AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT VIEWS TO BODY CONTEMPLATING SAFEGUARD ACTION.

5. U.S. DEL REJECTED IDEA THAT DIFFERING NATIONAL SYSTEMS WOULD MAKE IT IN APPROPRIATE TO IMPOSE SOME PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES NOTING EXTENSIVE GATT ARTICLE X REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS REGARDING OPENNESS AND PUBLICITY, AS WELL AS TO LENGTHY TREATMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES IN ANTIDUMPING CODE. U.S. QUESTIONED CONTENTION THAT LONG-TERMEFFECT OF OPEN PROCEDURES INCREASED PROTECTIONISM, CITING U.S. HISTORY OVER PAST THIRYT YEARS (LESS THAN 20 CASES OF RESTRICTIONS VIA ESCAPE CLAUSE OUT OF SOME 140 COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS). INCREASING OPENNESS AT EARLIER STAGES OF INVESTIGATION WOULDME ADVANTAGE OF ALLOWING EARLIER INPUT FROM AFFECTED PARTIES AND HELPFULNESS TOWARD INTERNATIONAL REVIEW. ON QUESTION OF MULTIPLE PROCEEDINGS (E.G., CASES ON TVS IN THE U.S.), U.S. DEL NOTED JUDICIAL REVIEW ISSUE QUITE SEPARATE MATTER AND ARGUED THAT U.S. NOT THE ONLY COUNTRY AGAINST WHICH CHARGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD BE MADE, AND IN FACT MOST COUNTRIES MAINTAIN DISTINCTIVE PROCEDURES FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF TRADE-RESTRICTING ACTIONS.

6. SHORT-TERM SEASONAL AND CYCLICAL PROBLEMS: CANADA

(WEEKES) INTRODUCED, FOR INFORMATION ONLY AT THIS STAGE, CANADIAN TARIFF BOARD REPORT ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (CIRCULATED, TOGETHER WITH BRIEF INTRODUCTORY NOTE, AS MTN/SG/W/34) UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM. (FYI: CANADIAN TARIFF BOARD REPORT SUGGESTS ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTOMATIC SURTAX ON CERTAIN IMPORTED FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES WHEN IMPORT PRICES FALL BELOW A CERTAIN HISTORICAL LEVEL -- I.E., A MINIMUM IMPORT PRICE SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS ARE UNOFFICIAL IN NATURE, THEY RAISE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS AS DISCUSSED REF A.) CANADA DID NOT ELABORATE ON BOARD REPORT, AND LIMITED DISCUSSION WHICH ENSUED CONSISTED MAINLY OF EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER ISSUE (BY MEXICO, ISRAEL, NEW ZEALAND AND YUGOSLAVIA) WHILE RESERVING POSITIONS. DOUBTS WERE RAISED RE PERTINENCE OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE GROUP'S WORK UNTIL THERE IS AGREEMENT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCE AND MEASURES WHERE SAFEGUARDS CAN BE APPLIED. U.S. LIKEWISE AVOIDED DETAILED DISCUSSION OF CANADIAN PROPOSAL, BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PROBLEMS LIKELY TO BE RAISED IF SCHEME PURSUED; ITS EFFECT OF UNDERMINING EFFORTS TO LIBERALIZE TRADE IN MTN; AND, AS A CONSEQUENCE, ITS CONFLICT WITH GOAL OF ESTABLISHING BETTER DISCIPLINE OVER ACTIONS TAKEN FOR SAFEGUARD PURPOSES.

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7. NOTIFICATION, CONSULTATION, SURVEILLANCE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: MAJOR STATEMENT BY CANADA TOUCHED OFF A USEFUL DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC BY A WIDE RANGE OF DELEGATIONS. SWITZERLAND AND UK FOR HONG KONG ALSO MADE LENGTHY INTERVENTIONS. SIGNIFICANTLY EC REMAINED SILENT, APPARENTLY PROTECTING FLEXIBILITY ON SELECTIVITY/SURVEILLANCE OBJECTIVES. IN DETAILED SUMMATION, U.S. DEL RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS RAISED DURING DEBATE AND CLARIFIED U.S. PROPOSAL PER ATTACHMENT 3 OF TPSC 77-50.
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8. CANADA DEL NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH ARTICLE XIX ALREADY PROVIDED FOR A SYSTEM OF SURVEILLANCE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, THERE WAS ROOM TO BUILD UPON THE EXISTING PROVISIONS TO IMPROVE THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM. ON NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION HE STATED THAT THE GATT PROVISIONS SHOULD BE RETAINED, ALTHOUGH A FEW POINTS COULD BE ELABORATED ON IN AN INTERPRETATIVE NOTE -- E.G., TIME LIMITS FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. ON THE LATTER, HE REMARKED THAT THERE COULD BE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW TO SEE WHETHER PROVISIONAL ACTION PRIOR TO CONSULTATION WAS IN FACT JUSTIFIED. CANADA DEL ALSO SAID USG SUGGESTION THAT ALL AFFECTED PARTIES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT, INCLUDING THIRD COUNTRIES SUBJECT TO TRADE DIVERSION, WAS IMPORTANT AND MERITED FURTHER ATTENTION. SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WERE PUT FORTH ON SURVEILLANCE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. CANADA DEL SUGGESTED FORMATION

OF A "SPECIAL COMMITTEE" OF THE CPS TO ASSUME FUNCTIONS NOW GIVEN TO THE CPS IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF ARTICLE XIX. IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WOULD REVIEW ON A REGULAR (ANNUAL) BASIS ALL ARTICLE XIX ACTIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT, BASED ON REPORTS ON THE JUSTIFICATION OF EACH ACTION AND ITS CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE. THE COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCESS. THERE COULD BE A REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE OF A SAFEGUARD ACTION IF REQUESTED BY ANY CP INVOLVED IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS WHEN NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED. SPECIFIC TIME LIMITS WOULD BE SET FOR SUCH PROCEDURES. DISPUTES COULD ALSO BE REFERRED TO AN INDEPENDENT PANEL

OF EXPERTS IF NO DECISION WAS REACHED IN THE COMMITTEE.
THIS PANEL WOULD ALSO REVIEW COMPLAINTS ARISING FROM THE
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ANNUAL REVIEW AS WELL AS DISPUTES ARISING FROM ACTIONS
UNDER ARTICLE XIX:3A.

9. SWITZERLAND RAISED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON THE
SPECIFICS OF CODE PROVISIONS IN THIS AREA, AND STATES
THY WOULD SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT AT A FUTURE DATE.
SWISS DEL STATED NOTIFICATIONS SHOULD COVER MAXIMUM
NUMBERS OF MEASURES AND THAT CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE OPEN
TO AS MANY PARTIES AS POSSIBLE. SURVEILLANCE PROCEDURES
SHOULD BE AS AUTOMATIC AS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE THE
UNIFORM APPLICATION OF RULES INDEPENDENT OF THE ECONOMIC
CLOUT OF ANY CP. FURTHERMORE, THE GOAL SHOULD BE TO
LIMITE RECOURSE TO SAFEGUARDS TO THE BARE MINIMUM. THE
UK OR HONG KONG NOTED THAT WE WERE DEALING WITH "ACTIONS
ON TRADE, NOT WAR," AND ARGUED THAT PROVISIONS FOR PRIOR
NOTIFICATION OF ALL ACTIONS SHOULD BE RETAINED -- THIS
SHOULD NOT BE WEAKENED BY EXCEPTIONS FOR "CRITICAL
CIRCUMSTANCES". HE AGREED WITH USG PROPOSAL ON TIME
LIMITES, AND WITH CANADA ON DEADLINE FOR START OF CON-
SULTATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIX:2 IN THE EVENT OF CRITICAL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

10. BRAZIL, SUPPORTED BY MEXICO AND PAKISTAN,
REFERRED TO PAST LDC PROPOSALS ON ALL FOUR ISSUES AND
STATED THEY HAD A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON WITH VIEWS OF U.S.
AND CANADA. SPECIFICALLY, HE NOTED THAT SURVEILLANCE BODY
SHOULD STUDY THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR SAFEGUARD
ACTIONS, WHETHER ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE MEASURES, IF TAKEN,
WERE ADEQUATE, AND WHETHER THERE WERE ALTERNATIVES TO THE
ACTION TAKEN (PREFERRING TARIFFS TO QRS).

11. PAKISTAN SUPPORTED IDEA OF A STANDING BODY FOR MULTI-
LATERAL SURVEILLANCE BUT ARGUED THAT REPRESENTATION SHOULD
BE BALANCED BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS, RATHER THAN REFLECT
ECONOMIC CLOUT. AUSTRALIA REPEATED FAMILIAR THEME THAT
REAL ISSUE IS THAT CPS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO FOLLOW
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EXISTING GATT PROVISIONS. IN ADDITIONA, HE NOTED THAT

APPROPRIATE DOMESTIC PROCEDURES COULD OBVIATE THE NEED
FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATIONS.

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12. U.S. DEL CONCLUDED DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC WITH
DETAILED DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RAISED IN THE DEBATE AND
AN ELABORATION OF OUR POSITION PER ATTACHMENT 3 OF TPSC 77050.
HE STATED THAT WE WERE TAKING ARTICLE XIX AS A STRATING
POINT AND SUPPLEMENTING ITS PROVISIONS TO CREATE GREATER
DISCIPLINE IN THE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM. THE PAS EXPERIENCE
OF TAKING SAFEGUARD ACTIONS IN A PRAGMATIC, AD HOC MANNER
IS NOT A SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR PROCEEDING IN THE FUTURE.
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AND OBLIGATIONS INVOLVED IN THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XIX. ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, U.S. DEL NOTED THAT OPEN DOMESTIC PROCEDURES FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION WHEN CONCLUSIONS OF INVESTIGATIONS IN PROGRESS ARE NOTIFIED. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT THE CANADIAN NOTION OF A SURVEILLANCE COMMITTEE WAS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH OUR IDEAS.

13. OTHER TOPICS: U.S. DEL MADE STATEMENT PER TPSC 77-50 ON THE USE OF AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING FOR SAFEGUARD-RELATED PURPOSES. HE NOTED THAT IN THE QR SUBGROUP THE U.S. HAD CALLED FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL AUTOMATIC LICENSING SYSTEMS, BUT HAD INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THEIR APPLICATION FOR SAFEGUARDS PURPOSES IN GROUP SAFEGUARDS. U.S. DEL NOTED THAT CERTAIN CONDITIONS GOVERNING THEIR USE WOULD HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH SYSTEMS: PUBLISHING REGULATIONS; ACCEPTING ALL APPLICATIONS AND GRANTING ALL LICENSES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION; AUTOMATIC GRANTING OF LICENSES; AND ISSUING LICENSES WITHOUT CONDITIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE GROUP REVIEW THE AUTOMATIC LICENSING TEXT UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE QR SUBGROUP.

14. CANADA HAD NO OBJECTION TO CONSIDERING AT A FUTURE MEETING THE PROPOSAL ON AUTOMATIC LICENSING IT HAD TABLED IN THE QR SUBGROUP. THE EC DEL CAUTIONED ABOUT DUPLICATING DISCUSSIONS, THOUGH HE NOTED A LINK BETWEEN SURVEILLANCE AND NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION PROCEDURES AND EC'S USE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSING FOR PRE-SAFEGUARD SURVEILLANCE. HE QUESTIONED THE USEFULNESS OF DISCUSSION MEASURES THAT DO NOT HAVE TRADE EFFECTS -- I.E., AUTOMATIC LICENSING IS NOT RESTRICTIVE AND THEREFORE HAS NO TRADE EFFECT. MEXICO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOUBTED WHETHER IT WAS "CONVENIENT, ADEQUATE OR EVEN PERTINENT" TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE IN SAFEGUARDS. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE JUDGE HOW FAR WE CAN GO ON THIS IN QRS, AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER IT IS RELEVANT FOR DISCUSSION IN SAFEGUARDS.

15. A FEW COUNTRIES MADE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE LAST MEETING. THE NORDICS SUPPORTED THE JAPANESE INJURY CHECKLIST PROPOSAL, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT AN INCREASE IN IMPORTS ALONE CANNOT CONSTITUTE THE BASIS TO IMPOSE SAFEGUARD MEASURES. SOUTH AFRICA COULD AGREE TO CONDITIONS ON TIME LIMITS, BUT NOT ON THE NON-REIMPOSITION OF MEASURES. THE UK FOR HONG KONG QUESTIONED WHETHER WE WOULD BE "SANCTIFYING" THE

USE OF VERS IF THEY WERE INCLUDED IN A CODE. NEW ZEALAND NOTED THAT SOME PROVISION FOR RETALIATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE NEW CODE, ARGUED AGAINST SELECTIVITY, BUT ALSO THOUGHT U.S. APPROACH TO VERS (INCLUDE THEM BUT NOT SANCTIFY THEM) WAS "SUPERIOR" TO H.K. DESIRE TO LEAVE THEM OUT. IN RESPONSE, CANADA REITERATED ITS VIEW THAT RETALIATION WAS NOT THE ANSWER -- UNJUSTIFIED MEASURES SHOULD BE REMOVED AND COMPENSATION GRANTED FOR TRADE DAMAGE ALREADY CAUSED BY A SAFEGUARD MEASURE THAT DID NOT MEET CODE CRITERIA.

16. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, CANADA DREW ATTENTION TO THE SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS IN ITS SECTOR PROPOSAL ON NON-FERROUS METALS (MTN/SEC/W/7). CANADIAN DEL SAID AIM WAS TO COORDINATE ISSUES ON PLAY IN MORE THAN ONE GROUP. COMMENT: WE CAN EXPECT MORE OF THE SAME IN OTHER MTN MEETINGS AS PART OF CANADIAN CAMPAIGN TO SPURE INTEREST IN SECTORS. END COMMENT.

17. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD LATER IN THE FALL AT DATE TO BE SET IN CONSULTATION WITH DELS, WITH SAME AGENDA, IN ORDER TO PERMIT TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS AND THE TABLING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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